



Watch out for Fixy van

Fixy, the new customised Somerset Waste Partnership van, is going on the road across the county from this week to promote the repair and reuse of electrical and electronic items.

Offering support, publicity, useful tools and an electrical testing service, Fixy will work with Somerset's existing "repair cafe" groups and visit events, schools and businesses. That starts on Saturday 14 May, the "Big Fix" day that promotes repair, at Taunton's eat:Festival. Big Fix 2022 includes repair cafes in the Blackdown Hills, Taunton, and Wells.

With the average UK household holding on to 20 unwanted electricals, Fixy aims to help get anything with batteries or a plug - toasters to TVs, laptops to kettles - fixed and reused rather than discarded.

Every year, we throw away millions of tonnes of electrical and electronic waste that have taken vast amounts of energy to make and contain valuable materials, such as gold and platinum, copper and aluminium, cadmium and mercury.

Recycling is good, but reuse is even better, and it is often surprisingly easy to fix things. Not only can you save money, materials and energy, but repair is a useful action against climate change.

Why not love your stuff for longer?

Fixy will also take your smart tech donations to check, clear out personal data and pass on to those who need it.

See the next page for Fixy volunteering opportunities, and for more details of Fixy and its upcoming events, go to: **somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy**.

Want to help repair Somerset?

Somerset repair groups are recruiting new volunteers. Can you help by donating your time and skills? Groups need people to help with fixing items, coordinating, welcoming, cake baking, tea making, publicity, social media and more. Whatever your skills and interests, do get in touch with a local group.

There are many benefits from volunteering with a repair group:

- Meet like-minded people in your area.
- Acquire new skills and confidence.
- Gain satisfaction and achievement.
- Help create a more sustainable world.

Find a repair group, or how to set one up, here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy.

Garden reminders on their way ...

Got a garden waste collection? Renewal reminders for your service, extended in last year due to disruption, will start going out by email (check spam folder) and post at the end of May and early June. Prices have been frozen so a single 180-litre bin subscription still costs £57.20, while a 10-pack of 90-litre garden waste sacks remains £28.30.

... and save with a compost bin

Get free soil improver and make good use of food and garden waste by composting all you can, from grass clippings to veg peelings. To help, we work with getcomposting.com to offer Somerset residents great deals, such as a 220-litre bin for just £13.00. Save more with buy-one-get-one-half-price and delivery at just £6.99 per order. Why not order two and share delivery with a friend, neighbour or family member?

Does your school need £500?

The closing date for schools to apply for an eco-schools grant is the end of May. Somerset Waste Partnership is offering grants of £500 to up to 50 schools in the county to help them participate in the tried and trusted Eco-Schools programme (find full details here: eco-schools.org.uk). The grants are part of SWP's commitment to encourage waste reduction, reuse and recycling. Any school receiving a waste service from SWP is eligible to apply. See: somersetwaste.gov.uk/education.

Somerset Waste Board

Agendas, reports: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board.



WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES		
Usual day	JUNE	Revised day
Thursday 2		Saturday 4
Friday 3		Monday 6
Monday 6		Tuesday 7
Tuesday 7		Wednesday 8
Wednesday 8		Thursday 9
Thursday 9		Friday 10
Friday 10		Saturday 11

Check your Jubilee day changes

The June Queen's Platinum Jubilee means waste day changes for everyone over two weeks. Do check if any changes could cut across your Jubilee plans. Bank holiday Thursday 2 June collections are on Saturday 4 June and Friday 3 June's are on Monday 6 June, so pick-ups that week are all a day later, including Friday's on Saturday 11 June.

It is easy to check all your kerbside collection days - recycle, rubbish and garden waste - via My Collection Day at somersetwaste.gov.uk.